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Attorney Docket No. 56325.000444

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Betsy JOHNSON) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Serial Number: 09/685,610) Group Art Unit: 3735
Filed: October 11, 2000)
For: METHOD FOR ATTACHING)
MECHANICAL FASTENERS TO)
ABSORBENT ARTICLES AND THE)
RESULTING ABSORBENT ARTICLES)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants respectfully submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of each of the listed documents are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed references and that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

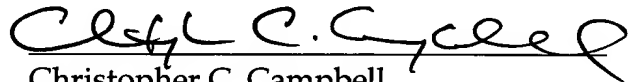
The references cited in the attached PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report in the corresponding international application. A copy of the International Search report is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no fees are due. However, if any fees are incurred upon the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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